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State Approves Funding For School Upgrades

(Lamoine) - Defying the odds, the aging Lamoine Consolidated School has qualified for an interest free loan to perform critical renovations on the school building. In a June 6th letter from Education Commission Susan Gendron, school officials learned that the town would be approved for a total package of \$652,300. The town would only have to pay back \$456,610, and that portion would be interest free over 10-years. The Maine Municipal Bond Bank would be utilized to finance the loan package.

The state approved four areas for funding, including renovations to the roof system, the heating and ventilation systems, the electrical system, and the water and septic systems. All four of those areas were identified by the school and its building committee as in critical need of repair and renovation for safety reasons.

In a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen last December, school board members and staff identified many other areas that need improvement in the school building. The priorities being funded through the state loan were quite evident. Principal Val Perkins also pointed out numerous space needs. The school building committee conducted a survey of staff, students, town officials and others to see what priorities exist to repair the school. At the top of the list was a new gym with a fine arts area and stage. The next most



Showing Off The School
Last December Principal Val Perkins led Selectmen and the public on a tour of the school to show the deficient areas

important priority was to replace the two portable classrooms with permanent space. Improving the parking and student drop off areas were the third priority.

School Board members and Union 92 officials attended a Selectmen's meeting in late June to discuss the process the town must follow to utilize the state funding. A special town meeting will be needed to approve the bonding package. No date has yet been set for that. The School Committee will look for an architect to design the specifications for the needed repairs, and possibly present a full package to the town for approval.

Special Town Meeting Approves Funding

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Station will get a roof job this summer. Voters at a special town meeting in June amended and approved spending \$16,800 for a roof replacement. The Selectmen awarded the job to Lamoine resident and volunteer firefighter Michael Jordan. His was not the lowest of the bids submitted, but was within a few hundred dollars of a pair of out-of-town bidders. Jordan also was the only bidder to suggest the ice and water shield for the entire surface, which added \$3,000 to the cost, but years of life to the roof.

Voters also approved spending an additional \$20,000 to pave Seal Point Road. Higher oil prices are blamed for increasing the cost from original estimates. Money for both projects will come from existing funds.



Showing Off the Colors
Selectman Richard Fennelly Jr. installs one of the 20 new flags purchased by the town

Written Complaints To Be Required

(Lamoine) — Folks who think there might be a violation of a town ordinance for the Code Enforcement Officer to investigate will have to put it in writing. The Board of Selectmen are expected to give final approval to a policy requiring that complaints be in writing. A copy of the policy will be posted on the town's website (www.lamoine-me.gov), along with the complaint form to be developed by town staff.

There are several reasons to require a written complaint, but the basic need is for a paper trail for the Code Enforcement Officer to start his investigation. The complaint form has spaces for the date, the name of the

complainant, the nature of the complaint, and where the alleged violation has occurred.

Once the Code Enforcement Officer receives the complaint, he will then investigate and issue a written report to both the complainant and the owner of the property upon which the complaint has been filed. If further action is necessary such as a notice of violation and/or a stop work order, those documents can then be issued.

Town office staff will be instructed to supply a complaint form to people calling with inquiries. Anonymous complaints will no longer be taken, though staff may generate a complaint based on their own knowledge.

Superintendent Of Schools Retires

(Ellsworth) — School Union 92 Superintendent Bill Fowler has announced his retirement from the post he's held for the past 8-years. Fowler is in charge of 6-schools in the system, including Lamoine, Surry, Hancock, Trenton, Eastbrook/Waltham (SAD 26's Cave Hill School), and Otis/Mariaville (Beech Hill School). He came to the Union 92 job from a similar post in the Howland area.

The job is a taxing one, with six school committees to keep happy and numerous board meetings to attend every month. Additionally, he's responsible for hiring the staff at the Union 92 office and for the hiring process at each school, with building administrators to recommend to the school board. Fowler says increasing state and federal regulation of schools has made the job frustrating. He and his wife plan to move back to his native Pittsfield. Omar Norton who served as interim superintendent prior to Fowler's arrival, will serve until a search committee can find a replacement.



Retiring School Superintendent Bill Fowler

Flags Adorn Lamoine For the 4th

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen voted to purchase 20-flags and brackets to display in time for the Independence Day holiday. Selectman Richard Fennelly Jr. floated the idea that was swiftly endorsed by the rest of the board. The flags cost \$760, and Selectman Fennelly picked them up and installed them with Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon on June 27th. The flags were placed on Route 184 by the school and town offices, and Fennelly hopes to put in more in the future.

TABOR Looms

(Augusta) - The State Supreme Court has ruled that enough valid signatures were presented to force a statewide referendum vote on the so-called Taxpayer Bill of Rights. The vote will come during the gubernatorial election in November.

The question, if passed, would impose additional limits to the amount of money local, county and state government can spend. It would require a super-majority vote (2/3rds) to override the limit. To raise fees such as the cost of photocopies would require a town meeting vote and a 2/3rd majority. Opposition to the measure has been swift and widespread from local school and government organizations.

Subdivision Owner Complies With Order

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen found subdivision developer Ronald Simons in compliance with a consent agreement to move the road into the Pine Grove Estates Subdivision. Mr. Simons also planted a row of cedar trees between the road and the Teresa Rohner property, which was part of the order.

The placement of the road has been a point of dispute between Simons and Rohner. The town got involved when the road was measured to be less than 15-feet from Ms. Rohner’s mobile home, a violation of the setback portion of the Building and Land Use Ordinance.

Cell Phone Tower Company Eyes Land

(Lamoine) — Engineers for a communications tower company visited Lamoine in June and measured the area around the former landfill for possible location of a cellular phone tower. The area to the east of the landfill which has not been excavated for gravel sits on relatively high ground and may make an ideal location for a communications tower.

Any plan to lease the land would have to be approved by town meeting, and permitting would have to meet local, state and federal requirements, including clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration because of the proximity to the Hancock County Airport.



Old Home May Be Razed For Subdivision

(Lamoine) — The old farm house at the beginning of Shore Road on Lamoine Corner could be leveled if a proposed subdivision is approved by the Planning Board. The property’s new owner, Gene Snow, has submitted a preliminary plan to turn the 18-acre lot into an 8-unit residential subdivision with at least two shorefront lots on the Jordan River.

The Planning Board found the preliminary application complete in June and conducted a site visit on the 24th of the month to see the lay of the land. A Brewer engineering firm is putting the plans together for the subdivision. The initial plan is for a road to access the lots from Shore Road. Tax records show the lot is 130-feet wide at Shore Road, which would conceivably allow for the required right-of-way width and the 15-foot setback from abutting property lines.

Once a final plan is submitted and found complete by the Board, a public hearing will be scheduled followed by Planning Board final action.



***In Compliance**
Paradise Drive leading to the Pine Grove Estates Subdivision is lined with cedars as requested by the Selectmen*

Four Offer Services To Planning Board

(Lamoine) - A vacancy on the Planning Board as an alternate member has brought forward four people willing to serve. Realtor **Jane Hamilton**, Builder **Michael Jordan**, Tax Assessor **Terry Towne** and retired Professor **James Gallagher** all said they’d be willing to fill the seat vacated by Lance Landon.

The Selectmen met with Mr. Jordan and Mr. Gallagher in late June, and have invited Mr. Towne and Ms. Hamilton to the July meeting. The Selectmen said they were very grateful that so many people are willing to serve.

Sale Not A Subdivision Expansion

(Lamoine) — Sale of a portion of land adjacent to the Old Schoolhouse subdivision less than five years after approval does not constitute a subdivision according to the town attorney. Tax Assessor Terry Towne raised the issue as the remainder of the original piece of land on which the subdivision was approved was recently split in two. Town Attorney Tony Beardsley, who also drew up the deed for the landowner, advised that because the original landowner remains in residence on the remainder of the lot, the latest split does not constitute an expansion of the Old Schoolhouse subdivision.

Permit Issuance Brisk

(Lamoine) — Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford issued the following permits:

No.	Name	Project
10	Mark Dane	RV
11	William Goodnight	Deck/Gazebo
12	Seacoast Farm LLC	Dock (temp)
13	Richard McMullen	Sign
14	Partridge Cove Assoc.	Sign
15	Genevieve Myers	Deck
16	E. Frank/M. Polley	Garage
17	Robert Gettman	Deck
18	Patrick Jude	Deck
19	Peter Farragher	Garage
20	Jon Perkins	Garage
21	Gerald Hill	Deck
22	Tobin Peacock	Guest House
23	Willem Brutsaert	Shed
24	Gary Young	Deck
25	Ronald Madore	Deck
26	Elizabeth Belch	Residence
27	John Bump	Residence
28	Reginald Sanborn	Residence
29	David Grasso	Cottage
30	Coleen Begley	Deck

New Gravel Pit Approved, 2 Renewed

(Lamoine) — Lamoine’s Planning Board gave final approval to a new gravel mining operation on land adjacent to the Town Office. Selectman Perry Fowler purchased the land earlier this year from the Hagen Estate. Fowler submitted Site Plan Review and Gravel Permit applications. A public hearing was held in early May, and several members of the public asked questions ranging from restoration plans to wildlife protection. The Planning Board approved the two permits following closure of the hearing. Mr. Fowler said he plans to use Christmas Trees as restoration of the dug surface. The property is no stranger to gravel mining. Approximately 80-feet to the north of the Town Hall is a large pit that was excavated beginning in the early 1900’s. The land has since grown into quite an ecosystem, but has steep slopes that would not be tolerated by modern pit restoration standards.

The Planning Board also approved gravel pit permit renewals for Richard J. King, Inc. and Jay Fowler. Both pits have been actively mined for years and are accessed on Douglas Highway.



***Wired In**
Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford works the new laptop computer in his office.*

CEO Gets Laptop

(Lamoine) — Selectmen approved of purchasing a new laptop computer for use by the Code Enforcement Officer. Dennis Ford had requested the machine in order to access the various databases on the town’s computer network. The computer has come in very handy, especially when looking up building and plumbing permit issuances, and especially for accessing the Internet for research. The unit cost approximately \$650.

31	George Spohrer	Shore Steps
32	Leon/Rob’t Gaynor	Foundation
33	Wayne Lawrence	Garage
34	Nelson Ayling	Balcony
35	John/Ann Arnott	Garage
36	R. Nagle/K. Gordon	Foundation
37	David/Diane Sanderson	Residence
38	Tom/Tyra Hanson	Garage/Add’n

CEO May Adjust Hours

(Lamoine) — Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford is in discussions with the Selectmen about adjusting his office hours to be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and one Saturday a month. Mr. Ford says the change would include a half day in the office and the other half day to perform building and plumbing inspections instead of being constantly on call. A final schedule will be announced, probably in July.

Gravel Inventory Urged

(Lamoine) - As the town’s agreement with Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. to remove gravel from a strip of town owned land nears completion, some in town have urged the Board of Selectmen to obtain an independent inventory of the amount of gravel taken from the town owned land. Several citizens urged the Selectmen to explore sophisticated calculation methods that use aerial photography to compare the land before the gravel removal and after the digging was done.

The town and Gott entered an agreement to sell the gravel on the strip of land between the pit owned by Mary Smith and a strip Gott owns behind the transfer station. Gott requested a year extension which was granted by the Selectmen. The contract gave Gott a year to finish restoration of the pit area and to submit a final settlement with the Selectmen for any excess gravel that might have been removed.

Stephen Salsbury, a surveyor working for Gott, informed the town that the restoration was complete the last week of June, the property lines will be marked and the calculations will be checked by an engineer. Selectmen also determined that the aerial photography measurement was not feasible due to a lack of old landmarks.



Working The Pit
A front end loader removes gravel from the land behind the town owned strip that yielded over 90,000 cubic yards.

Mooring Permit Transfer Request Moot

(Lamoine) — Work for potential changes to the Lamoine Harbor Ordinance will take place in July with submission of several ideas from Harbor Master Gerald Ford. A potential controversy arose this spring when a Mill Road resident asked to moor his boat on a mooring that was permitted to an Ellsworth man. Harbor Master Ford said that would constitute a rental mooring, and that’s not allowed. The two men said they’ve shared the mooring ownership for years, but records show the permit was issued to only one person, while the boat was in the other’s name.

Several permit holders surrendered their permits this year, freeing up several for those who’ve been on the waiting list, including the Mill Road resident. Harbor Master Ford’s recommendations will include a requirement that a permit holder actually register a boat at some point, an increase in mooring fees, and a limit on the number of mooring permits on individual can possess. A workshop is planned for the Selectmen’s meeting on July 13th.

Tax Rate Likely Same or Lower

(Lamoine) - While Lamoine property owners enjoy one of the lowest property tax rates in Hancock County, the 2006/07 tax bills should not see any rate increase. In fact, if all goes as projected, the tax rate may fall from 7.3 mills (\$7.30 per \$1,000 valuation) to 7.0 mills.

Increased state aid to education substantially lowered the needed amount from property taxation. Additionally, the Board of Assessors has added about \$5-million dollars in new valuation thanks to subdivisions and new home construction to the property tax base.

The assessors are still a few weeks away from their final figures for the 2006 tax commitment, expected in August. The bills should be out a month sooner than the 2005 tax bills which were set back until September due to a revaluation process that took place. The factored revaluation greatly increased the total town valuation, bringing property values closer to actual selling prices. Sales tracking in the past year shows tax values slightly below actual selling prices.

Turnout Light for June Primary

(Lamoine) - Only 195 of Lamoine’s 1,375 registered voters cast ballots in the primary election on June 13th. That’s about a 14% total turnout, but 489 voters who have not enrolled in a political party were not eligible to vote. That means turnout was closer to 22%. Republicans turned out the most voters, 128, or 26%. There were 62 Democrat votes cast (19%) and 5 Green Independent (9%). The only closely contested races saw Republicans in Lamoine favor Peter Mills for Governor. He did not win the statewide nomination. Julie Curtis won the Register of Deeds contest in both Lamoine and the whole of Hancock County. Incumbent Governor John Baldacci won renomination locally and statewide, and the Democrat US Senate seat was a dead heat (24-24) in Lamoine, about as close as the state race in which Jean Hay-Bright won the nomination to face Olympia Snowe in November.

Unpaid Tax Notices Sent Mid-June

(Lamoine) — Property owners who had not paid their 2005/06 taxes were sent notice on June 13th that lien would be placed on the property in 30-days. The notice is required by state law.

Tax Collector Jennifer Kovacs sent out 78 notices via certified mail to affected taxpayers as required. A number of the unpaid tax bills were for small amounts remaining after paying late and not including interest with the payment. At least two properties that included new subdivision lots received notices for multiple lots.

Liens will be filed for those taxes that are not paid by July 13th, 2006. The liens will automatically foreclose to the town if the tax, interest and fees are not paid 18-months after filing the lien, or in January, 2008.

Water Tests Completed

(Lamoine) — The town completed its annual water testing on four residential wells and five wells installed around the former landfill. The test results showed no significant changes from previous years, and all the residential well water is drinkable according to state guidelines. The well testing is required as part of the landfill closure agreement with the DEP.

Town Attorney Use Policy to Modify

(Lamoine) - Selectmen are expected to give final approval to a new policy regarding staff use of the Town Attorney. Present policy is only one sentence long—basically saying no town official may contact the town attorney without Selectman approval.

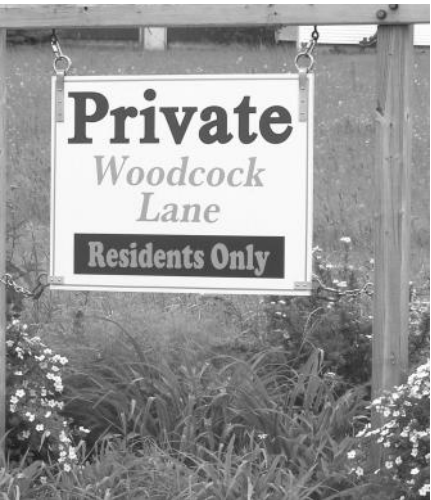
The Planning Board and the Selectmen met jointly in May and discussed modification of the policy to allow initial contact authority by certain staff members and board chairs. The new 3-page policy requires the person making initial contact report it to the Board and any follow up would require Selectmen approval.

The town attorney’s services are not utilized on a regular basis, and the town does not retain attorney Tony Beardsley on a retainer. A typical year sees attorney fees of less than \$2,000 incurred, and the most usual contact is for land use matters.

Selectmen Say Sign Change OK

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Ford received a complaint that the Partridge Cove Association had replaced a sign at the entrance to the subdivision road without a permit. He issued a notice of violation to the homeowners’ association, and a representative met with the Board of Selectmen in April.

After discussing the situation, it was determined that only the sign board had been replaced, but the posts remained the same, and a complete replacement had not taken place, only maintenance on the sign itself. The Selectmen chose not to impose any fine on the Association and said the replacement did not violate the building and land use ordinance.



New Sign, Old Posts
The Board of Selectmen said no violation exists from replacing the Partridge Cove Sign.

Universal Waste Goes To Coastal Recycling

(Lamoine) — TV’s, computer monitors, microwave ovens, fluorescent light tubes and other waste containing mercury can now be taken to Coastal Recycling on Route 182 in Hancock. The organization had been hosting a private company the first Saturday of each month, but now can accept the so called “universal waste” during business hours. There is a charge for the waste which must be paid by those taking it for disposal. A price list is posted on the town website (www.lamoine-me.gov) on the transfer station site.



Sign of the Times
Thanks to Jeremiah Graham for picking up a new sign at a recent recycling convention.

Road Work Started, Planned

(Lamoine) — The mild winter that turned into a very wet spring was not kind to the roadsides in Lamoine (or any other town!). Shoulders that have seen a lot of sand build up over the years washed out in many places as the water could not shed properly. Most of the local roads need the shoulders shaped and the ditches dug out to get the water off the road surface gently.

One contract that has already been completed is removal of tree debris from numerous roadsides. Harald Huebner of South Road submitted the winning bid for that contract and spent the better part of two weeks chipping the brush that had come down in the past few years. In addition, Huebner and his crew removed a large, dead spruce tree from Marlboro Beach Road.

The major focus of work this summer will be Seal Point Road. In addition to paving the majority of the road, several culverts will be replaced, using a method suggested by a consultant from the Maine Department of Transportation. The road will be excavated two feet either side of the culvert center for each foot in depth the culvert is set. The fill will be mixed so it drains uniformly, eliminating the “speed bump” heaves that are prevalent. Additionally a section of road will be excavated, refilled, and a proper ditch and shoulder established so the new



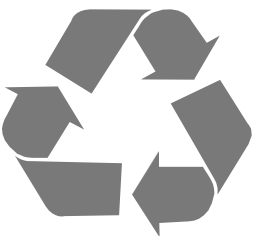
Steady Rains in the spring caused a great deal of roadside erosion like this on Asa’s Lane

Litter Pickup Nets Lots Of Trash

(Lamoine) - The town’s annual litter cleanup on May 4th drew 38-dedicated volunteers to the roadsides of Lamoine, and they picked up at least a ton of trash. Georgia Munsell once again organized this year’s event, but Jeremiah Graham of Deer Run pinch hit on the morning of the actual cleanup. Wearing orange vests and carrying mechanical pickers, the volunteers hit the roads for about 3-hours on that Saturday morning.

Many thanks go out to everyone who volunteered their time, energy and vehicles to the pickup. The town certainly looked a lot cleaner afterward. The Maine Department of Transportation was very cooperative, picking up the filled bags along Routes 184 and 204. Others picked up the bags from the local roads and took them to the transfer station.

Mrs. Munsell said the turnout was good and hopes many more will volunteer next year. Kim Murphy, owner of the Lamoine General Store donated food and water (not to mention a husband and son) to the efforts.



Recycling Promotion To Increase

By Donna Thorburn

(Lamoine) — The Recycling Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, has been working to make recycling more user - friendly. Committee members are Tom Spruce, Nancy Pochan, Rich Brey, Lucia Michielli, Joan Bragdon, Annie Crisafulli and Donna Thorburn

The committee is preparing a new brochure for distribution that will include what items can be recycled, information about disposing of hazardous waste, ordering compost bins, and additional recycling tips

Watch for a “Willie Wastenot” who will become the Recycling Committee logo! If you have any ideas or would like to serve on the subcommittee, contact Tom Spruce (667-7213) or Donna Thorburn (667-4425).

pavement won’t break up as quickly. Jay Fowler submitted the bid selected for that work, which will be done by the end of July. The road will be paved sometime in August by Lane Construction.

Trash Contract Signed

(Lamoine) — Selectmen and Pine Tree Waste reached agreement on a new contract that will transport both normal household waste and recyclable materials to the proper destination for the next five years. Users of the Lamoine

Transfer Station should not notice any change in operations when the new contract takes effect on July 1st. The contract contains much more specific language, but keeps in place the same system that has existed for the past several years.



Ready to Roll
(From Left) - Jude Lamb, Pam Priest and Carol Korty stand ready to hit the road to pick up trash on May 4th.

Hazardous Waste Collection is Sept. 30th

(Lamoine) — Lamoine residents will be able to get rid of hazardous materials on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Mt. Desert Island High School. Permits for the annual household hazardous waste (HHW) day will be available on a first come/first serve basis at the Lamoine Town Office.

The Mt. Desert Island League of Towns is working once again with the Hancock County Planning Commission on the cleanup. Unlike previous years, state funding is not available to help defray the cost. The town has budgeted \$550 for its share of the cleanup, and will have a limited number of permits based on this budgeted amount.

This is the one day of the year to properly dispose of containers of pesticides, oil based paints, and other hazardous materials. A complete list of guidelines will be posted on the town’s website when the final arrangements for the program are announced. Look for permits to be available around August 1st.

Committee Sought For Vets Memorial

(Lamoine) - The question was: “Why haven’t we done this before?” It was in relation to establishing a Veterans Memorial in town. There was no definitive answer at a Selectmen’s meeting in mid-June.

Reggie McDevitt is spearheading an effort to build a memorial somewhere in town. He’s done plenty of scouting around for a location, and suggested to the Selectmen that the north side of the Town Hall building would make a good spot.

Selectman chair Jo Cooper said she’d be willing to serve on a committee with McDevitt and anyone else interested in getting the project off the ground. Those interested in helping are asked to call the town office by August 1st.

Selectman Cooper Is Citizen Of The Year

(Ellsworth) - The Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce voted Jo Cooper, the chairman of the Lamoine Board of Selectman, as their citizen of the year. Cooper was honored at the Chamber’s annual meeting in May.

Mrs. Cooper was cited for her work as the executive director of the Faith In Action Community Connection program. The agency matches up volunteer drivers with people who need rides for essential services such as medical appointments, but cannot afford other means.

Spring Proves Relatively Quiet For Fire Department

(Lamoine) — After more than a year of frequent calls for help, the Lamoine Fire Department finally got a bit of a break during the 2nd quarter of 2006. The pagers only went off for 7-calls during the three month period.

The most serious fire came on April 29th when two teen-aged boys playing with a bottle rocket ignited a dry field on Shore Road. They quickly called 9-1-1 and the LVFD team had the fire knocked down within minutes. Neighbors helped, wielding brooms and Indian Tanks in the smoky fire.

Firefighters responded to a pair of accidents on Pinkhams Flats. A 25-year old woman went off the road at 3:30 AM on May 26th, rolling her car over. She was able to walk to a nearby home and call for help. The other call involved a similar roll over accident, this time at 8AM on June 12th. Neither woman was badly injured.

Lamoine firefighters stood by the Ellsworth station in early April as they dealt with a fire at a downtown apartment complex. Firefighters also stood by the station during a red flag warning day during a dry spell at the end of April.

Firefighters removed a tree from Partridge Cove Road during a wind and rain storm on the 8th of June. And on June 27th firefighters responded to a report of a burning box in the Bangor Hydro Maintenance facility parking lot on Jordan River Road. The fire was out before arrival.

FD Roof Job Awarded Locally



(Lamoine) - Voters at a special town meeting made it clear they wanted local contractor Michael Jordan to replace the fire station roof this summer and with water proof materials under the shingles. Jordan was selected from among five bidders for the job, and the town meeting approved spending \$16,800. Jordan expects to start the work in a few weeks.

Open House Held At Fire Station

(Lamoine) A few dozen people turned out for lunch at the Lamoine Fire Station for the department’s annual open house on May 21st. Pro Auto of North Lamoine provided an old car so that firefighters could demonstrate how they dismantle a wrecked vehicle to extricate accident victims. The newest firefighting equipment was on display and folks got to see the newly painted interior of the fire truck bays.

Firefighter Mary Harney who runs a paint contracting business finished the painting job inside the station after cleaning the walls and ceilings of years of diesel soot buildup. Harney was the only bidder on the job last fall.

LVFD Auction Is August 11th

(Lamoine) — The annual auction by the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will be held on Friday, August 11, 2006. The preview begins at 5PM and the bidding starts at 6pm. The Lamoine Grange will serve refreshments.

The auction is one of the big annual fund raisers for the fire department which is looking to supplement the gear on the Holmatro Rescue Tool. Generally the auction raises \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Donations to the auction can be arranged through Stu Marckoon at the Town Office or with any firefighter. Furniture, Computers, Appliances and TV’s cannot be accepted as they generally don’t sell well and require a disposal fee. Professional auctioneer and volunteer firefighter Chas Hare of Stockton Springs, has agreed to run the bidding again this year.

Emergency Plan Review Set

(Lamoine) - The Selectmen will hold their August meeting at the Lamoine Fire Station to review a proposed Emergency Operations Plan. The new plan will replace the present document that was adopted several years ago and once served as a model for other towns. Emergency Management Agency officials offered the basic language to the town and it has been incorporated in a draft document in order to bring to town into compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The Selectmen and fire department officials will review the draft plan on August 17th.

Cemetery Road Improved

By Doug Stewart

(Lamoine) - When Edna Coyne, Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer of the East Lamoine Cemetery Association asked her new neighbors, Sue Hibbs, 346 Lamoine Beach Rd., and Doug Stewart, 368 Lamoine Beach Rd. along with Bill Parkinson, husband of her cousin, Marilyn Rosebrook Parkinson, Berry Cove Rd. to help with the spring cleanup of the East Lamoine Cemetery on Saturday, May 13, little did she realize it would turn into a five day project involving the voluntary services of local contractors, Richard King and Ron MacQuinn.

Following the pick-up of last year's wreaths, flowers and other debris, Sue and Doug soon had their chain saws buzzing cutting up dead falls that had accumulated over the years along the edges of the cemetery and the two private lanes accessing the cemetery. When smoothing out the ruts and lowering the crown in the road proved to be too much for Bill's garden tractor and blade, calls went out to MacQuinn, who donated material, and King, who brought in some heavy equipment to spread the gravel and level the road.

In addition to improving access to the cemetery, the Lamoine Historical Society became an additional beneficiary of the work. Their section of the road was smoothed and gravel was laid down. King also realigned the stone along the side of the Church to get them back to their original configuration.

Grange Programs Planned

By Carol Korty

(Lamoine) The Lamoine Grange has lots to offer the community in 2006. About a hundred people enjoyed the first turkey dinner of the summer on June 4th. If you missed out or if you want to come back for more, there’ll be another chance on July 16th and September 3rd at 12:30 PM, but it’s a good idea to arrive early.

Three open meetings have been scheduled for this summer. The first featured a presentation by Lamoiner **Jim Willis** talking about “What Our Law Enforcement is Doing to Protect Us”. His experience as Chief of Police for Mt. Desert and eighteen years as a Hancock County Deputy gave him a wealth of knowledge, much of which he shared with us on June 22nd.



At The Grange

Carol Korty gets the Grange ready for a play put on by Lamoine School Students

On Wednesday, July 19th, the next session will be “Getting Into the Act! – Playreading for Amateurs”. Folks of all ages are invited to come at 7 PM to read Hide and Seek, by **Allen Sternfield**, our Transfer Station Manager! This one act play has had considerable national success. We’ll also read Mr. Hare Takes Mr. Leopard for a Ride, by **Carol Korty**. This piece has been widely produced as part of her Plays from African Folktales, published by Scribners and Players Press. Jumping back to 19th century, there’ll be a scene from Shore Acres by James A. Herne about Lamoine! Herne spent a summer at the Shore Acres hotel near Lamoine Beach and subsequently produced and toured his play coast to coast with great success in 1894.

On Wednesday, August 16th, Lamoiners Kathy Stanley of Sewing by the Sea and Anne Curtis of Food Magic will share how they have adapted the traditional home arts of sewing and cooking for busy folks of today’s world.

Regular Grange meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 PM. New members are always welcome.



Cemetery Stones

(left to right) Sue Hibbs, Edna Coyne & Doug Stewart helped place crushed stone on the East Lamoine Cemetery Road this spring.

Road Race Nets \$400 For Parks Fund

(Lamoine) - The road race in memory of Bill Pinkham of Lamoine raised \$400 for the town’s parks fund. Pinkham’s daughter, Connie Wallace, turned over the donation to the town office shortly after the first running of the Flattop 5K on April 1st.

Over 250 runners from all over the nation turned out for the first of what’s hoped to become an annual event. Lamoine resident Robin Emery worked with Wallace, the Lamoine Parks Commission and Tom Kirby to pull off the race.



Student & Teacher
Joey Luchini finishes 3rd, just ahead of his former Ellsworth High cross country coach Andy Beardsley in the 1st annual Flattop 5K

Parks Commission Seeks Donations

(Lamoine) -Coming in July, Lamoine property owners can expect a letter from the Parks Commission. The letter thanks people for support at the annual town meeting and encourages donations for future projects at the three town parks, Lamoine Beach, Bloomfield Park (Blunt’s Pond), and Marlboro Beach. Donations will be collected at the town hall and placed into the Parks Fund.

Parks Commission Looks At Boat Ramp

(Lamoine) - The launching ramp at Lamoine Beach Park is relatively useless in its present state. Sand Covers the cement pieces and corrosion over the years has cause the cement to fall apart and expose rebar steel, presenting a potential hazard to vehicles trying to launch a boat.

The Lamoine Parks Commission got permission from the Selectmen to start to study the ramp and what possibilities exist for funding a repair, replacement or removal. Several grant programs exist that might help with such a project. The town asked the Maine Department of Transportation for engineering assistance several years ago so that an alternative launch site to the State Park could be re-established. The DOT opted to not fund that request.

Parks Commission members are welcome to input from anyone willing to help out with the boat ramp study project. Anyone interested can contact the Town Office or chairman Christa Brey. Once the parks commission develops a plan of action for the ramp it will be presented to the Selectmen and possibly to Town Meeting for further action and/or funding.

Selectmen Thank Volunteers, Staff

(Lamoine) - A lot of people go into making a small town like Lamoine operate well. Invitations went out to all volunteer board members, firefighters, school volunteers and town and school staff to a get together at the school in May. Several dozen showed up to receive a sincere thank-you for their service to the town. Selectman chair Jo Cooper and School Committee chair Faith Perkins addressed the group, recognizing the many employees and boards who keep the town functioning.

Blueberry Hill Dairy Bar donated a tub of ice cream and toppings for thank-you sundaes.

Lamoine Students “Get Wet”

By Robert Pulver

(Lamoine) — Students from Lamoine Consolidated School and Ellsworth High School have become research assistants for the George Mitchell Center for Environment and Watershed Research at the University of Maine, Orono. Mitchell Center researchers, John Peckenham and Teresa Thornton, are studying ground water in the communities of Lamoine, Ellsworth, and Hancock.

The opportunity to be part of a University research team has provided the students with important insights as to how scientific techniques are used in a research study. The long term nature of the project will enable some Lamoine students to take an active part in future projects at both the elementary and high school levels. Support for this project has been provided by a grant from Healthy Acadia, a Healthy Maine Partnership and volunteers from the Lamoine Conservation Commission. The grant enabled our school to purchase a microscope, a screen for calculators, and a GPS device.

Students from both schools and their Mitchell Center colleagues presented a report at on May 17 at the Lamoine Consolidated School to the Lamoine Conservation Commission and to the Lamoine School Committee.

Illegal Dump Removed

(Lamoine) - A landowner on Gully Brook Road reported that someone had dumped a refrigerator and couch alongside the road. In what’s become an increasing problem in many communities, the back road dumping was apparently to avoid paying for disposal at an approved facility. The town contracted Rusty Boynton to clean up the mess properly.

Town Land Boundary Revived

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have asked town attorney Tony Beardsley to look into clearing up ownership issues of two pieces of land presently on the tax records in the town’s name. One Shore Road lot was donated many years back by Allen Hodgkins, the other was an unknown lot across from the landfill/gravel pit. Initial work started in the 1990’s but was set on the back burner. Selectmen hope to possibly reach a line agreement with abutting owners.

Jina’s Gym Fund Passes \$120,000 Mark

(Lamoine) - More than a year has passed since 14-year old Jina Haslam was struck and killed on Lamoine Beach Road while sitting on her bicycle. Her parents, grandparents and large extended family and friends in Lamoine set out on a mission to raise money to build a new school gym in her memory. The tireless effort is reaping huge benefits. Yard sales, bottle drives, a steel drum band concert, dances, and good will donations have raised over \$120,000 as of mid-June.

On June 20th, over 150-people gathered at Lamoine State Park to walk to Lamoine Beach and back in memory of Jina. Her mom, Patti, says the support has been fantastic and participating in the various fundraising events is similar to participating in activities she would have shared with her daughter.



One Year Later
Patti & Bob Haslam are interviewed by a Bangor TV Station at the walk commemorating the anniversary of the death of their daughter Jina. Courtesy of Ellsworth American

Up next are a yard sale at the Lamoine School put on by the staff on July 22nd. Donations are being accepted—contact Betty Anderson at the school (667-8578)

New Roads Named

(Lamoine) — Lobster Lane is the newest road in Lamoine, even though it’s existed for quite some time. The road leads from Seal Point Road to the Seal Point Lobster Pound and the two residences that have been built in the past decade. Selectmen originally named the road Lobster Pound Road, but the name was objected to by one of the residents, so Selectmen rescinded that vote and removed the word “Pound” from the name.

Also named were the three roads that make up the Pine Grove Estates subdivision. Paradise Drive (see picture, page 2) is the main entrance to the subdivision. Two spurs are named Jessie Way and Simon Way.

Rhododendron Moved

(Lamoine) - Selectmen said it was kind of Junior Tracy to ask if he could move the rhododendron from the former Anderson property instead of just going ahead and digging it up. The Board approved of the move to Tracy’s property on Shore Road. The flowering plant had been in back of the Anderson home. While approving the move, the Board of Selectmen also agreed that no other items would be sold or given away without first offering it to the general public in proposal form first.

Ben Rudolph Is Latest Eagle Scout

(Lamoine) - Asa’s Lane resident Ben Rudolph is the latest Lamoiner to be honored as an Eagle Scout. Rudolph’s ceremony was held in May at the Lamoine Baptist Church.

Eagle Scouts, in addition to attaining various merit badges and other goals within the Boy Scouts are also required to complete a community service project. Ben’s project was to put a historic bell from the Marlboro Chapel in front of the Historical Society building in East Lamoine.(see below).

Ben is entering his senior year at Ellsworth High School in September.



Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — The town lost a true gem in June. **Leurene Hodgkins** of Lamoine Beach Road passed away four days short of her 96th birthday. She served as town treasurer for several years, and was married to long-time Selectman Alan Hodgkins before he died. Her current husband, Harlan Hodgkins, said they were able to enjoy traveling all around the back roads of Maine in their 9-years together. **Frances Stickney** of Ford Lane died on May 18th at the age of 90. She was one of the seamstresses who helped sew the 125th anniversary quilt that hangs at the town hall. **Floyd Veysey** of Mill Road died after a long illness on June 18th. A certified public accountant, he was a partner in a firm in Ellsworth. Floyd’s wife Robin is the school librarian and serves on the town’s budget committee. **Thomas Warner** of North Yarmouth died in Lamoine on May 4th following a traffic accident. We’ve also received word of the passing of former Lamoine residents **Larry Noddin** and **Gladys Vigent** in the past few months. Noddin died in February in Topsham. He was a former member of the Board of Assessors. Mrs. Vigent lived in the house next to Lamoine Beach in the summer. Both Vigent and Noddin were in their 90’s.

We have several new residents to welcome. **Charlotte Ellen Tatara** was born on April 14th at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. **Jozlyn Marie Bradley** was also born in Ellsworth, arriving May 3rd. **Jayson Charles King** was born May 8th at Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, and **Hailey Alexis Alley** was born on June 3rd at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor.

Just two marriages to report for the quarterly. **Brian McDonald** and **Tina Morin** were married on June 9th. They make their home on Jordan River Road. **Joan Bragdon** and **Aubrey Strout** were married on June 24th. Both were widowed and Joan has lived on Marlboro Beach Road for many years and serves on the Conservation Commission and was a former member of the Board of Assessors.

Softball Team Wins Title

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Consolidated School softball team won the Union 92 championship, defeating Trenton in the final game. Lamoine lost just once during the season—a game to Trenton. Team members include: Arianna Pappas, Katie Branch, Ashley Harding, Marissa Boynton, Julie Christie, Malarie Brown, Morgaen Jones, Jennifer Tupper, Kayla Herbert, Drew Beauvais, Heather Tupper, Hanna Tardiff, Taylor Jones, Mckenzie Curtis, Brittney Robbins, Lily Cooper, Gabrielle Huebener. The team was coached by Joni (Pinkham) Hart.

Benefactor Sought

(Lamoine) - Susan Christie wished to thank whoever was so thoughtful to leave a package of gifts last Christmas at her family’s home. Susan is battling breast cancer and said the gifts were especially touching. She writes “*as a registered nurse for the past 23 years, this journey after the diagnosis of breast cancer has been a humbling one. The greatest challenge for someone so used to being a ‘caregiver’ is accepting the care and support of others.*”

Young Artist Honored

(Lamoine) - Meghan Glass, the granddaughter of Lamoine’s late code enforcement officer John Holdsworth, received personal congratulations from US Representative Michael Michaud. She was selected as one of two student artists in Maine to receive the Maine Congressional District award in a national art competition. Her painting of a child titled “Aiden” traveled to Washington DC to be part of a student art exhibit in the Congressional Office building. The picture also received high honors from the Maine College of Art.

Vets Articles To Hang In Town Hall

(Lamoine) - The *Ellsworth American* has been running an article each week profiling veterans who served in World War II. Assistant Town Clerk Kathy DeFusco noticed that many of the articles featured Lamoine residents. She came up with a great idea—have the reprints of the articles posted at the town hall. We’ve found six so far and the newspaper has matted and laminated them. Once suitable frames are found they’ll hang in an appropriate location inside the town hall.



Assistant Town Clerk Kathy DeFusco holds up the reprints of the articles on Lamoine Veterans that have run in the Ellsworth American

Lamoine Grads Head To College With Honor

By Val Perkins, Lamoine School Principal

(Lamoine) - Our high school seniors are soon to be moving on and entering a new era of opportunities in their lives. I called the guidance offices at M.D.I. and Ellsworth High Schools and got some information that I would like to share with you. I am very proud of these young adults. Below is a listing of most of our students and their intended plans.

Jeremy Curran-USM-Computer Science, Katelyn Damon-USM-Political Science, Kirsten Dickey-UMO-Premed, Sarah Fennelly-Mount Aloysius-Surgical Technician, Emily Frederick-Goucher College-Liberal Arts/Dance, Elan Gabel-Richards-Warren Wilson College-Psychology, Megan Glass-Art Study, Chase Harding-Maine Maritime Academy-Marine Engineer, Josh Jones-U.S. Marine Corps, Mathew Jordan-Ohio Tech-Classic Car Restoration, Jessica Kief-George Washington University-Aerospace Engineering, Samantha Steinmetz-Lake Region State College, Communications/Interpreter, Kelly Wilder-Northeastern University-Physical Therapy.

Congratulations go out to five of our 4th graders who won Future Promises Scholarships in the amount of \$100.00. This was sponsored by the Machias Savings Bank. They are: Kelly Henry, Elizabeth Alvarez, Clay Sanborn, Ben Haslam and Kristy Eaton.

The Selectmen signed certificates honoring those Lamoine Students graduating with honors from local high school. They were (*Ellsworth High School*) **Sarah Fennelly, Chase Harding, Jessica Kief, Kelly Wilder** (*MDI High School*) **Elan Gabel-Richards, Emily Frederick, Katelyn Damon, Jeremy Curran and Kirstien Dickey.**

Patriotic Tree Planted

(Lamoine) - The Ellsworth Garden Club planted a new flowering crab tree on the north side of the Lamoine Town Hall in April. Jay Barnes of the Garden Club says the project was designed to help beautify areas that directly relate to patriotism, and what better place than where people cast their votes. The tree replaces a previous flowering crab that did not survive.



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23	24	25	26	27-7PM Fire Dept.	28	29
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1-7PM Planning Board	2-7PM Assessors	3-7PM Fire Dept	4	5
6	7	8	9-7PM Conservation Commission	10-7PM Fire Dept	11-5PM Fire Dept Auction @ School	12
13	14-5:30 School Board	15	16	17-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	18	19
20	21	22-7PM Long Range Planning Cmte.	23	24-7PM Fire Dept	25	26
27	28	29	30	31-7PM Fire Dept School Opens		

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3	4-Office Closed (Labor Day)	5-7PM Planning Board	6-7PM Assessors	7-7PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept	8	9
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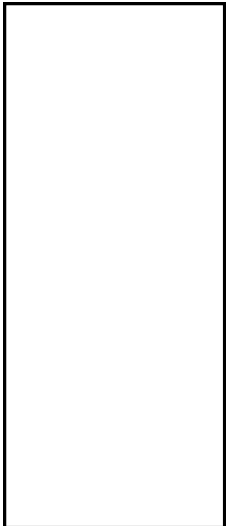
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